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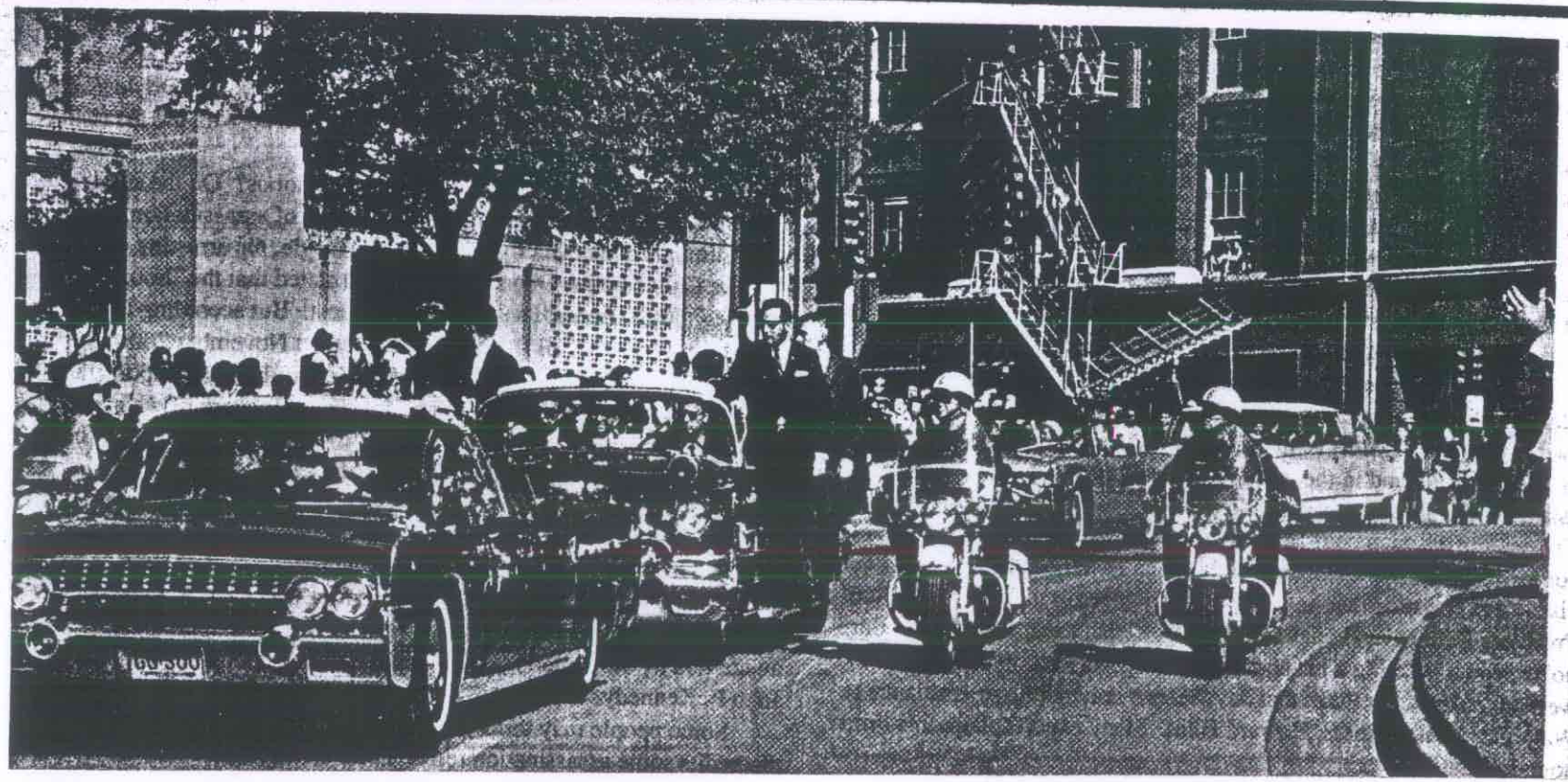

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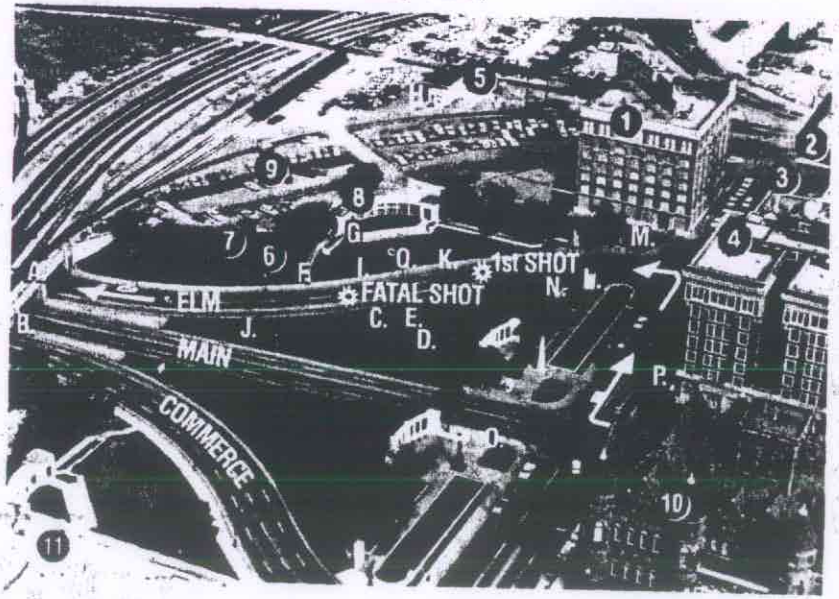

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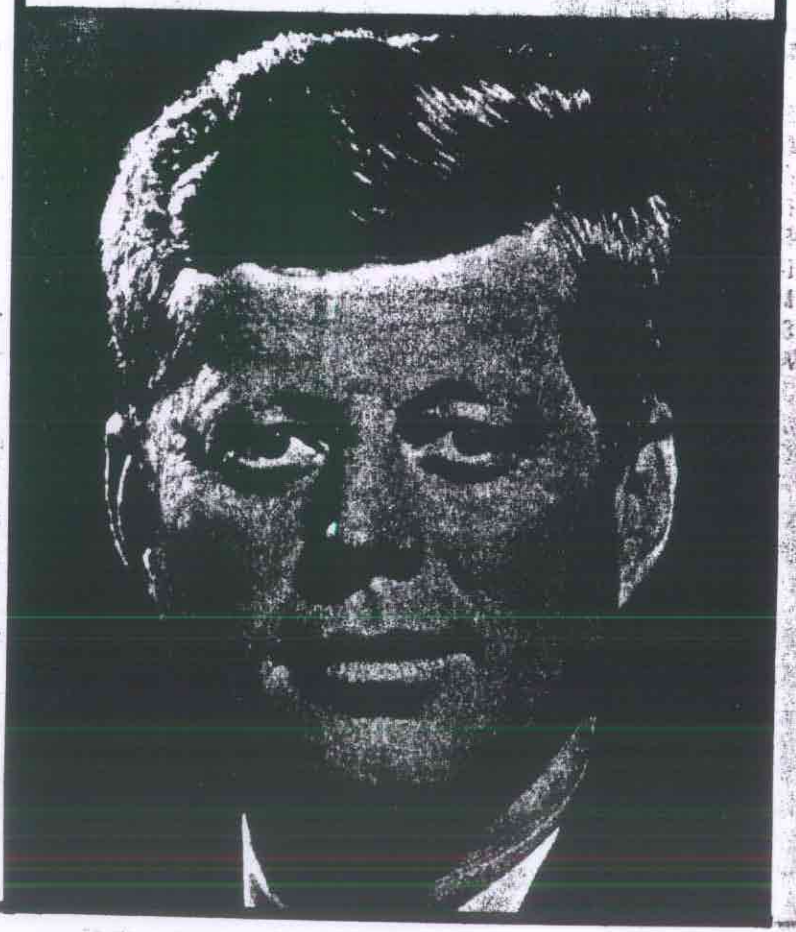

The Mystery of the Three Hobos: Solved?

By Joe Melchior

For many years, JFK assassination researchers have speculated that several photographs taken in Dealy Plaza shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy reveal three individuals that may have been involved in the shooting of the President. These three men have come to be known over the years as "The Three Hobos."

Questions have been raised about the identity of these gentlemen for close to 29 years. There are several reasons for concern in this matter. First, the three hobos were arrested shortly after the assassination in a railroad box car behind the picket fence in the "grassy knoll" area. Second, they were supposedly released shortly after being taken to the Dallas Police Station in Dealy Plaza. Third, there was no record of the arrest of these men anywhere. And last, but certainly not least, they disappeared without a trace after the assassination.

Many researchers, including myself, have speculated on the identify of the 3 hobos. Some photo experts have claimed that one of the hobos is Frank Sturgis, the CIA man who was involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion and in the training of anti-Castro Cubans in the assassination attempts on Fidel Castro. Another hobo is thought to be Charles Harrelson, a contract killer who is now serving time for the contract killing of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. Harrelson claimed at one time that he in fact, was involvedin the assassination of President Kennedy. He has since retracted that statement . The third hobo, who is wearing a hat and carrying a paper sack in the photos that were taken in Dealy Plaza that day, bears a remarkable resemblance to Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt. Many experts claim this third hobo is Hunt.

According to the arrest reports, all three were arrested for vagrancy and robbery immediately after the assassination. Further investigation shows that Doyle and Gedney are still living, but that Abrams died in Boston some time ago.

The syndicated television show, "A Current Affair", after some diligent detective work, tracked down Harold Doyle in Klammath Falls, Oregon for an interview which aired in February of 1992. Doyle claimed that he and the other two "hobos" had left a homeless shelter in Dallas and were on their way to Fort Worth when they were detained in the railroad yards behind the grassy knoll. They were arrested in a boxcar. From there, they were taken into custody and marched off to the police station. They were held until Oswald was arrested, at which time a police officer told them, "You're lucky. You just got to see the man who shot President Kennedy." At this point, according to Doyle, they were taken in front of a judge and booked for vagrancy, given 6 day sentences, and promptly released. Doyle swears that neither he nor his comrades had anything to do with the assassination.

Does this solve the mystery of the three hobos? On the surface, one would think so. But like so many aspects of assassination, this revelation presents even more questions. Doyle, the arresting officer, and the Dallas Police Department have all stated that the "hobos" were released almost immediately after their arrest. But according to the actual arrest reports, all three were released on November 26th, four days after the assassination. Also, according to the arrest reports, all three were arrested for vagrancy and robbery. Robbery of what?

Harold Doyle and Gus Abrams (dead) have been accounted for. Where is John Forrester Gedney? According to the F.B.I. he is currently residing somewhere in Florida. At the time this article was written, Gedney had not yet been contacted by anybody. And how long and how well did Doyle know his partners?

Finally, I find it just a little conspicuous that after 28 years, these arrest reports were suddenly discovered in the midst of growing awareness by the American public of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Some people may think that the discovery of these arrest reports discredits some assassination researchers. In fact, some may be lead to

All of these suspicions and theories may have been laid to rest, however, with the recent discovery of three arrest reports misfiled in the Dallas City Archives. These arrest reports of the three individuals who were arrested in a railroad boxcar on November 22nd, 1963. These men are identified as follows:

John Forrester Gedney, age 38, no address
Harold Doyle, age 32, Red Jacket, West Virginia
Gus W. Abrams, age 53, no address

process of solving any crime, the process of elimination is a valuable tool. One can only come closer to the truth with the elimination of suspects along the way. And after all, isn't the truth the most important thing to all assassination researchers as well as the American public? In the process of finding truth, questions must be asked and answered. The questions regarding the 3 hobos may now have been answered. But many questions remain, and they too, have to be answered.

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FIRST NAME: HAROLD | MIDDLE NAME: | LAST NAME: Doyle | DATE: Nov 22 63 | TIME: 4:00 pm

RACE: WHITE ☐ COLORED ☐ | SEX: MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ | AGE: 32 | DATE OF BIRTH: 12-8-30 | HOME ADDRESS: Red Tent, West Wise

ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE: Elm & Houston | TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS, GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO): RAILROAD YARDS

CHARGE: In. Co. Vag. & Robbery. | BUSINESS WHERE ARREST MADE HAS: BEER LICENSE ☐ LIQUOR LICENSE ☐ STATE LIC. NO.

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NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE
Gus W. Abrams W/M 53 John Forrester Rodney W/M 28

NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED

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Harold Doyle W/M 33 John T. Rodney W/M 28

NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED

OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST

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FIRST NAME: John | MIDDLE NAME: FORREST | LAST NAME: GEDNEY | DATE: NOV 22 63 | TIME: 4:00
RACE: WHITE ☐ COLORED ☐ | SEX: MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ | AGE: 38 | DATE OF BIRTH: 3/7/25 | HOME ADDRESS: None
ADDRESS WHERE ARREST MADE: ELM & HOUSTON | TYPE PREMISES (IF BUSINESS GIVE TRADE NAME ALSO): TJP RAILROAD YARDS
CHARGE: Inv. Burglary, Robbery
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HAROLD DOYLE W1A173 — 205 W. ABRAMS W1A153
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OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST

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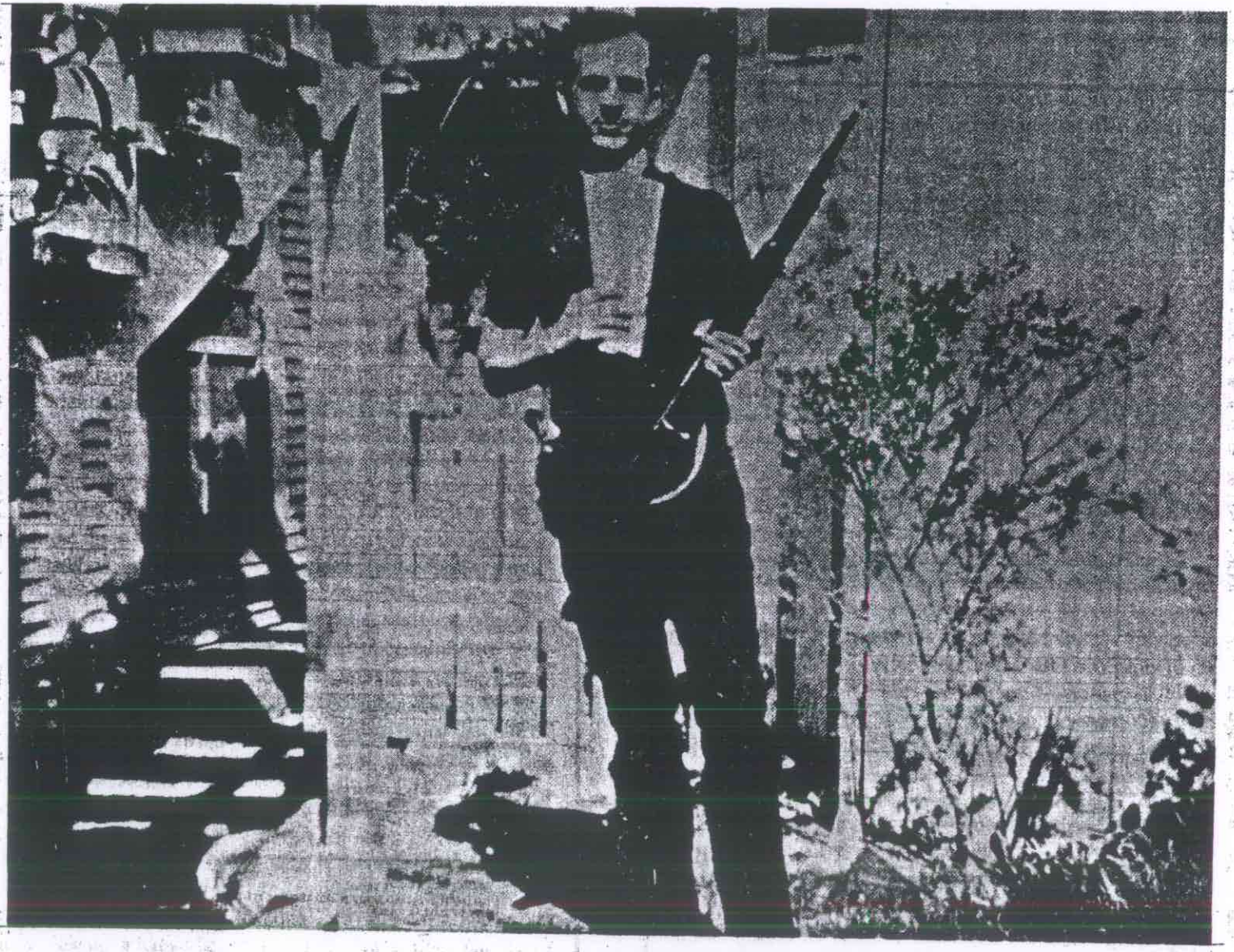

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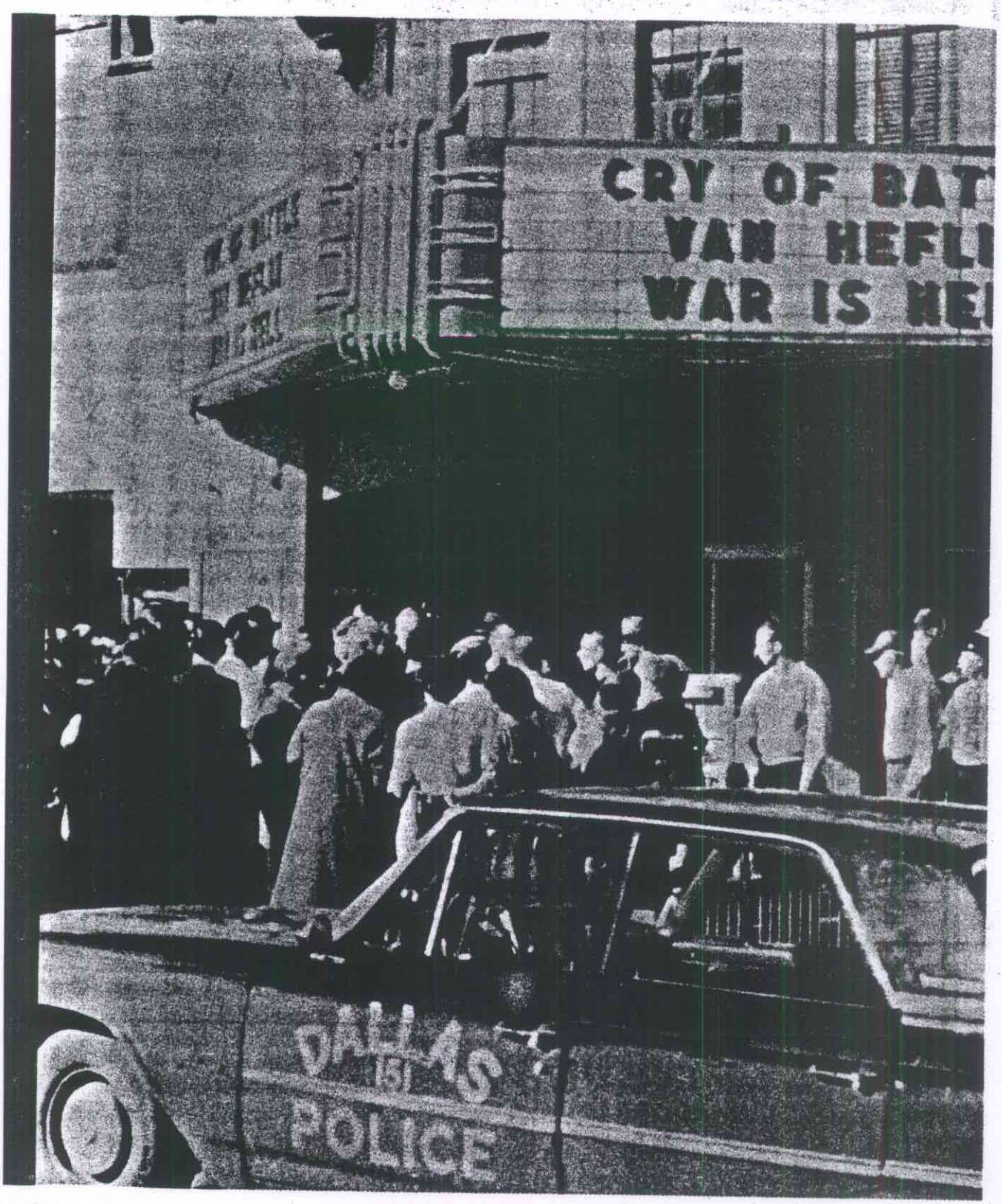
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Yours Very Truly

Yours Very Truly
Lee Oswald

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LEE OSWALD TO TEXAS
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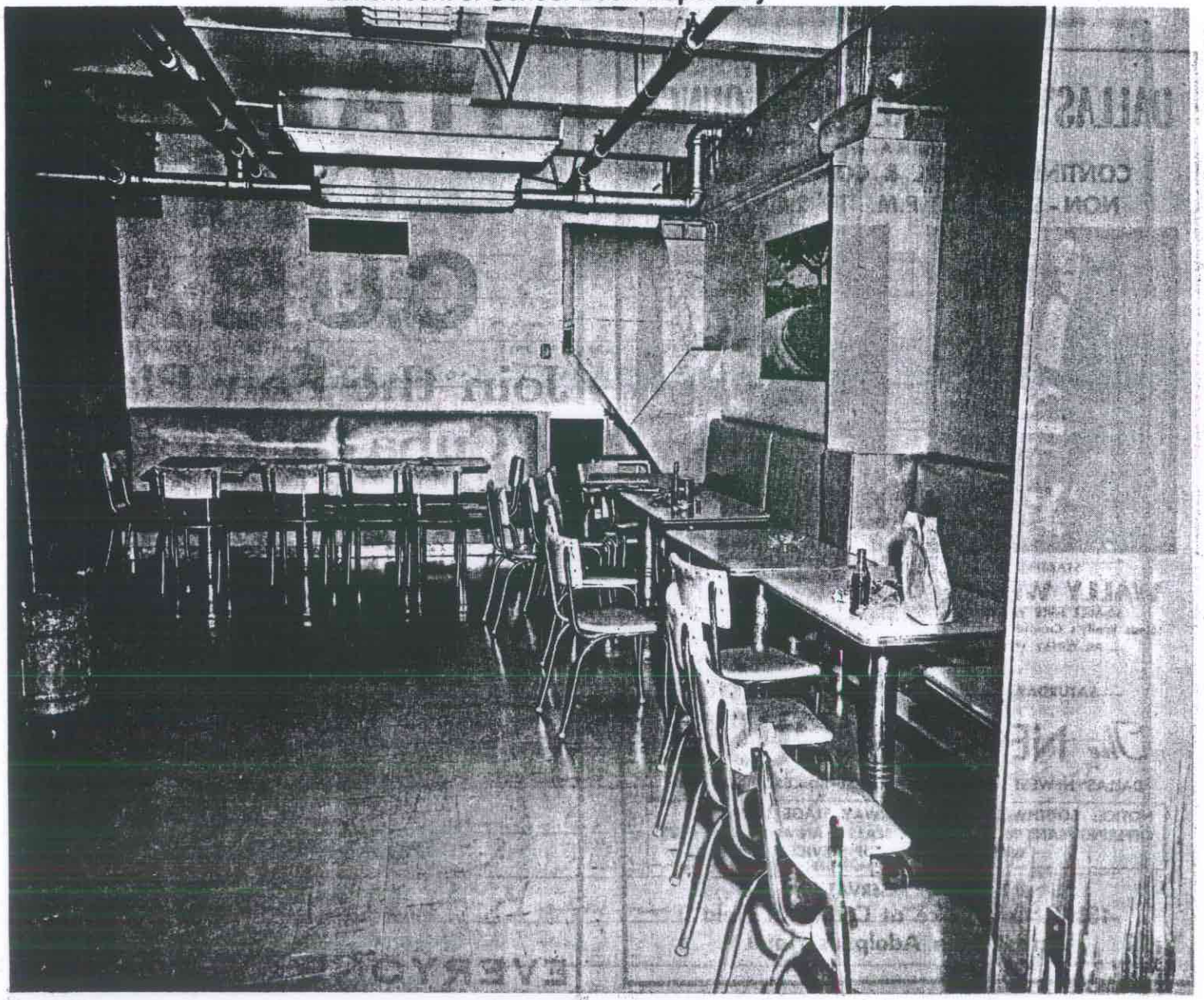

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If Oswald was the assassin in the sixth floor window of the School Book Depository, he would have to have been there some time before the Presidential motorcade arrived in the Plaza. The assassination occurred at 12:30. Kennedy delayed the start of the motorcade at Love Field when he broke away from the official welcoming party to meet and shake hands with citizens who had come to greet him. By the time the motorcade reached Dealey Plaza, it was running another five minutes behind due to two unplanned stops requested by President Kennedy to shake hands with the crowds. The assassin on the 6th floor would have had to have been in place sometime before the motorcade arrived to arrange the boxes in the window and certainly would not have known that the motorcade was running at least nine minutes behind. Yet, several witnesses place Oswald on the first and second floors of the building just before and just after the assassination.

BILL SHELLEY: Shelley was Oswald's supervisor. He has stated before the Warren Commission that he saw Oswald on the second floor by a telephone at 11:40.

CAROLYN ARNOLD: Arnold was an executive secretary in the building. She said that she saw Oswald in the lunch room at 12:15 (and says it could have been later) on the second floor eating lunch by himself.

If the assassination occurred at 12:30, why was Oswald eating his lunch on the second floor of the building at 12:15. He would have had to have had time to build his sniper's nest with boxes and be in position as no one was sure of the exact minute the motorcade would pass the building. The Shelley statement that OSWALD was positioned near a telephone at 11:40 seems suspicious to me. If OSWALD was standing near the telephone forty minutes before the assassination, was he awaiting a call or did he use the telephone? If he did, this would certainly provide circumstantial evidence of something more than the lone gunman theory. It would tend to point to a conspiracy. Unanswered questions remain because the Warren Commission failed to ask any relevant questions concerning this incident.

PATROLMAN MARRION BAKER: Baker was a motorcycle patrolman in the motorcade. Upon hearing the shots , he thought that they had come from the School Book Depository. It's been established by Baker himself that this was not after the last shot but was just after the first shot. Baker said that he heard the first shot and saw pigeons fly off the top of the building. It was at this point that he rode his motorcycle to the steps of the School Book Depository Building and ran up the front steps. Ninety seconds later, he ran into Oswald in the lunch room drinking a coke and asked Oswald if he worked here. Oswald's supervisor explained to the police officer that Oswald worked in the building and was ok. Baker stated that the two elevators were stuck on the fifth floor so he started running up the back stairs. In a reenactment during the Warren Commission, it only took Baker fifteen seconds to enter the building.

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During the evening of November 22nd, Ruby went to the Dallas Police Station with sandwiches he had prepared for police officials. He was informed by Detective Simmons that they didn't need the sandwiches so Ruby stayed around to witness a press conference given by District Attorney Henry Wade. The Wade press conference was video taped by newsman and was put on the air on the national networks. Wade made a remark that Oswald had been a member of a Free Cuba Committee. Wade didn't quote the name of the organization right and Ruby, who was standing in the back of the room remarked:

" It's the Fair Play For Cuba Committee"

If Ruby didn't know anything about Oswald as he claimed, how is it that he had inside knowledge about the Fair Play For Cuba Committee Oswald had started in New Orleans. An employee of Ruby's by the name of Wally Weston talked privately with Ruby on visits with him during the time that he was held by the state of Texas. Weston states that Ruby told him during one of these visits:

They are going to find out about New Orleans.

DID YOU KNOW:

FBI documents show Director J. Edgar Hoover had complete knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald less than two hours after the assassination, a time when the Dallas police were still uncertain of the identity of their suspect.

Several witnesses said, and two films seem to confirm, that more than one man was on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository at the time of the shooting.

Several witnesses, including Dallas policemen, encountered men with Secret Service identification in Dealey Plaza before and after the assassination, yet officially there were no agents in the vicinity.

DID YOU KNOW:

Lee Harvey Oswald possessed a tiny "spy" camera bearing a serial number not available to the general public.

Since 1963, certain federal agencies have suppressed, destroyed and fabricated evidence – and intimidated witnesses – in making the case for a lone assassin.

A majority of witnesses on the west side of Dealey Plaza said shots came from the Grassy Knoll.

In 1969, Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry told newsmen, "We don't have any proof that Oswald fired the rifle, and never did. Nobody's yet been able to put him in that building with a gun in his hand."

DID YOU KNOW:

A paraffin test administered by the Dallas police showed no nitrates on Oswald's cheek – court-admissible evidence he did *not* fire a rifle that day.

Jack Ruby was associated with numerous Organized Crime characters as well as CIA gunrunners and anti-Castro exiles.

Photographic experts in other countries have stated that the incriminating pictures of Oswald and his weapons are clever fakes.

Ruby was once an informant for the FBI, and much evidence suggests that Lee Harvey Oswald also worked for the Bureau – Texas authorities reported his informant number was T-179 and he was paid $200 a month.

Oswald reportedly offered military secrets to the Soviets, yet according to the official record, the U.S. Government apparently never bothered to question him upon his return to the United States and, in fact, loaned him money for his return trip.

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RACE	SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS
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CHARGE: INV. MURDER

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HOW ARREST MADE: ON VIEW ☒ CALL ☐ WARRANT ☐

LOCATION OF OFFENSE (IF OTHER THAN PLACE OF ARREST)

I.D. NUMBER

ARREST NUMBER

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NAMES OF OTHERS ARRESTED AT SAME TIME IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR OFFENSE

NAME OF AND/OR INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER SUSPECTS NOT APPREHENDED

OTHER DETAILS OF THE ARREST

This man shot and killed President John F. Kennedy and Police Officer J. D. Tippit. He also shot and wounded Governor John Connally.

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LT. E.L. CUNNINGHAM		P.L. BENTLEY	526

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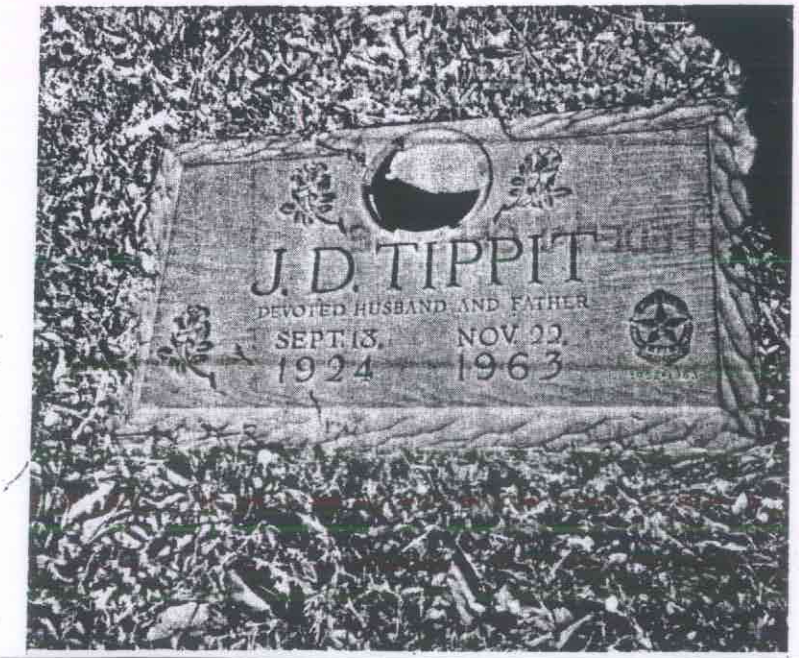

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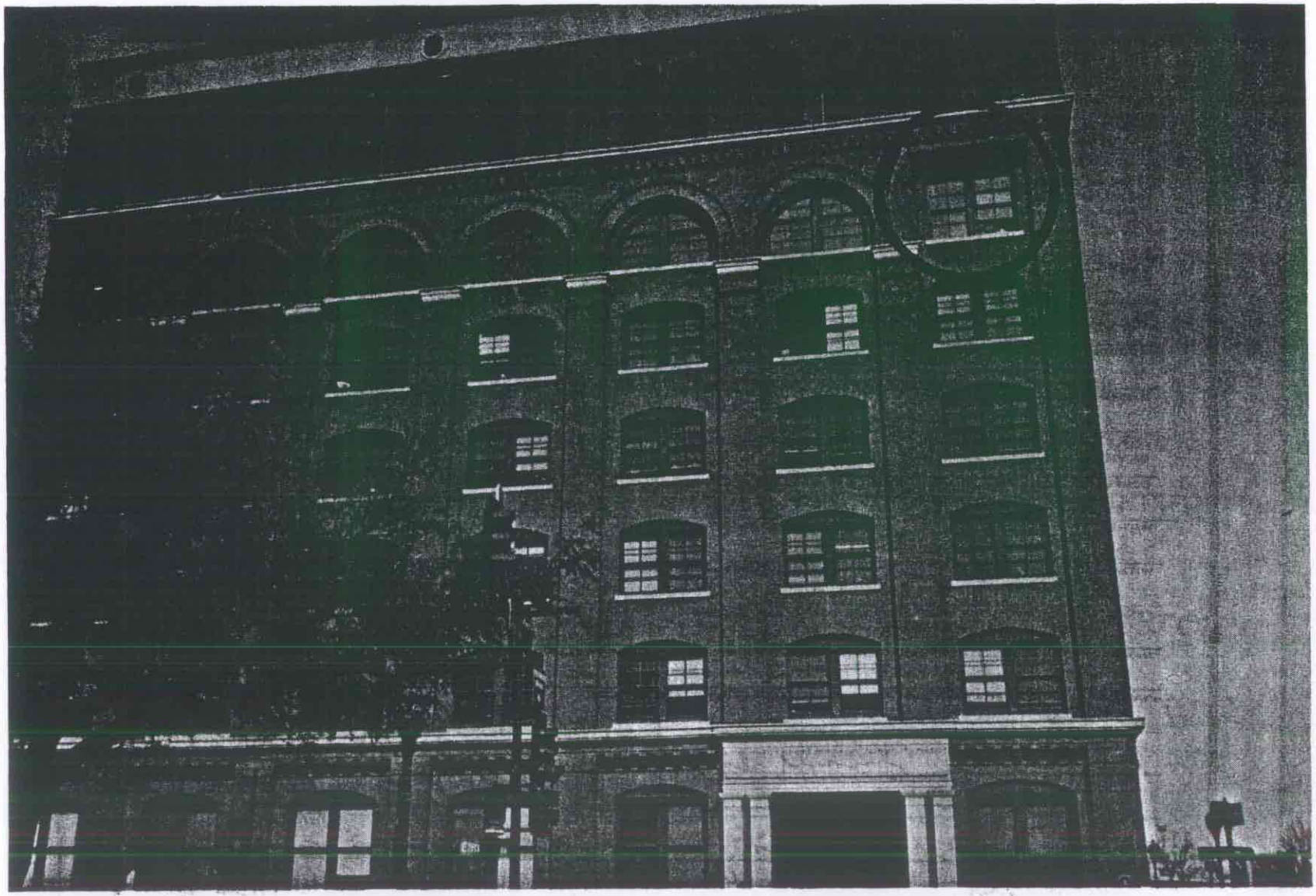

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MURDER

Elm St. (approx. 150' W of Houston) | H&R) | 2 | 101 | CN Dhority 476 HH Bleasing 698

Day of Week	Date of Occurrence	Time of Day	Date Reported	Time Reported	Report Received By	Started—Time—Ended
Fri	11/22/63	12:30PM	11/23/63	5:10PM	Mayo	5:10PM

DESCRIPTION OF DEAD PERSON

Joe B. Brown

Dr. Kemp Clark, 1PM, Parkland Hospital

The expired was riding in motorcade with wife and Governor John Connally, and his wife. Witnesses heard gun shot and saw the expired slump forward. More shots were heard and the expired fell into his wife's lap. Governor Connally was also shot at this time. Car in which they were riding was escorted to Parkland Hospital by Dallas Police Officers.

All witnesses affidavits are in Homicide Office.

SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT A FEDERAL OFFENSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS IN 1963.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN REMARKS MADE IN THE MOVIE "JFK" AND THE BOOK "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE" ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. IN MY OPINION, THESE ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION OR RESEARCH. WE SHOULD NOT CRITICIZE WHAT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

THANK YOU,
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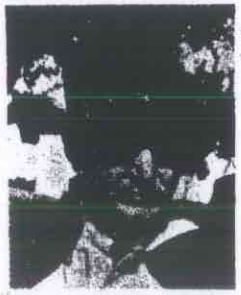

Jim Braden

Eugene Hale Brading, Alias Jim Braden, was a mafia operative who knew David Ferrie. He was arrested in the lobby of the 501 Elm Street Building. A copy of his statement is below.

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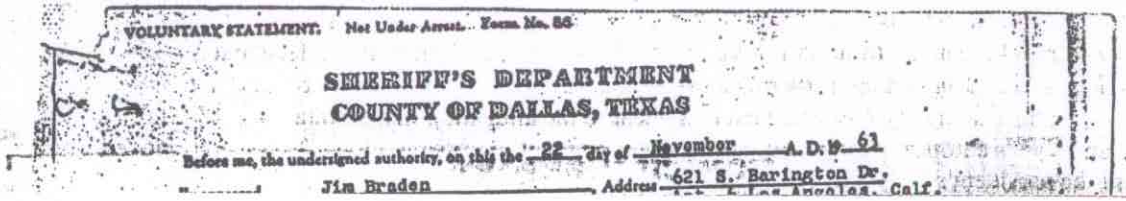

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT: Not Under Arrest. Form No. 86

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 61

Jim Braden, Address 621 S. Barington Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Jim Braden, Address 621 S. Barington Dr. Apt. 6 Los Angeles, Calif.

Age 49, Phone No. 4725301 Home Office 215 S. La Cienega Blvd. Beverly Hills, California

Deposes and says:

I am here on business (oil business) and was walking down Elm Street trying to get a cab and there wasn't any. I heard people talking saying "My God the President has been shot." Police cars were passing me coming down toward the triple underpass and I walked up among many other people and this building was surrounded by police officers with guns and we were all watching them. I moved on up to the building across the street from the building that was surrounded and I ask one of the girls if there was a telephone that I could use and she said "Yes, there is one on the third floor of the building where I work". I walked through a passage to the elevator they were all getting on (freight elevator) and I got off on the third floor with all the other people and there was a lady using the pay telephone and I ask her if I could use it when she hung up and the said it was out of order and I tried to use it but with no success. I ask her how I can get out of this building and she said that there is an exit right there and then she said wait a minute here is the elevator now. I got on the elevator add returned to the ground floor and the colored man who ran the elevator said you are a stranger in this building and I xx was notsuppose to let you up and he ran outside to an officer and said to the officerthathe had just taken me up and down in the elevator and the officer said for me to identify myself and I presented him with a credit card and he said well we have to check out everything and took me to his superior and said for me to wait and we will check it out. I was then taken to the Sheriffs office and interrogated.

Jim Braden

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of Nov A. D. 1963

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

DECKER EXHIBIT No. 5323—Continued

NAVY TECHNICIANS REFUTE JFK AUTOPSY DOCTORS, AMA

by Jim Marrs

Two Navy medical technicians who were present at the 1963 autopsy of President John F. Kennedy have stated that photographs and X-rays released by the government to support its "lone assassin" theory are "phony".

At a news conference in Washington last Thursday, which was little noticed by major news media, Jerrol Custer, who took the X-rays of President Kennedy on the night of November 22, 1963, said the X-rays now presented to the public "are wrong".

Another technician, Floyd Riebe, who photographed Kennedy's body during the autopsy, said photo now shown to the public are "phony and not the photographs we took."

Their assertions were intended to refute statements from two JFK autopsy doctors who a week earlier had stated that Kennedy was struck by two bullets from high and behind, thus supporting the theory of the government that the fatal shots were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository. While acknowledging shortcomings in the official autopsy of Kennedy, retired Navy Capt. James J. Humes and retired Navy Cmdr. J. Thornton Boswell nevertheless strenuously defended their conclusion that Kennedy was struck by two bullets from above and behind.

The doctors' statements as presented by George D. Lundberg, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, skirted the main issue which is that the descriptions of Kennedy's wounds as seen by Dallas medical authorities and the autopsy doctors are inconsistent, raising the possibility of alteration of the president's wounds while the body was in the custody of federal officials.

Every person in Dallas who saw Kennedy's head wound stated there was a large hole in the right rear portion of his head, indicating an exit wound from a frontal shot.

This description was confirmed by Riebe, who said, "The picture of the back of his head is not right. All that part of his head was missing as far as the right ear and there was not enough scalp to pull over the wound as it is in the picture."

Riebe added, "These films are doctored one way or another. It was touched up."

Custer, who took X-rays of Kennedy's head , said the X-rays now shown to the public show a large hole in the front part of his skull. "There was no damage to his face and no part of his skull was missing on the forward part of his head," said Custer. "These are fake X-rays!"

In his statements, Custer added more heat to the allegation that an intact bullet slug was found at JFK's autopsy. At least two separate government reports mention a "missile" removed from the president's body during the autopsy.

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Custer said when he lifted Kennedy's body to place X-ray film under it, a bullet fell out of his back.

If indeed a bullet slug was removed from Kennedy's body then it obviously could not have gone through him to strike Texas Gov. John Connally. The notion that one bullet struck both Kennedy and Connally is the basis of the government's theory that one man fired all the shots during the assassination. Both Connally and his personal physician, Dr. Robert Shaw, have discounted the idea that Connally was struck by the first bullet which had passed through Kennedy.

What many assassination researchers cannot understand is why the pronouncements of the AMA and autopsy doctors was given nationwide media play while the rebuttal by men who also were at the autopsy was passed over lightly.

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STONE'S "JFK" SPARKS DEBATE FUELS MOVEMENT TO OPEN ARCHIVES

By William E. Kelly

There have been few major motion pictures to create as much controversy before their release than Oliver Stone's new movie, "JFK."

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Like Stone's other films, "JFK" is entertainment, not documentary or history. It's conspiratorial tone, however, has irked a few lawyers and journalists, whose reputations were made and are still threatened by this case.

The film is significant for calling attention to the assassination of JFK, a black hole in American history, and for using the medium to reach and influence a new generation who weren't even born in November, 1963.

While the debate rages over whether President Kennedy was killed by one man alone or by a sinister conspiracy, much of the truth lies locked away in the National Archives in Washington D.C.

Stone's movie may inspire some people to call for an official investigation. That however, has already been done, and done over, by the Dallas Police, the FBI, the USMC, the Warren Commission, the New Orleans District Attorney's office, the Schweiker-Hart subcommittee of the Senate's Church Intelligence Committee and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA).

It was this last Congressional committee which compiled many important documents and took the testimony of many witnesses from 1977-1979. The HSCA issued a series of publications, its final report concluding, "there is evidence of conspiracy." The committee then dissolved, leaving its most significant evidence locked in the National Archives.

Because these documents are classified as "congressional documents" they are subject to House Rule #36 which stipulates that they cannot be released to the public for 50 years. They are scheduled to be released in the year 2029.

Nor can these documents be obtained by researchers through a Freedom of Information Act suit since Congress absolved itself from compliance when it approved the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, over-ridding a veto attempt by President Gerald Ford, who had served on the Warren Commission.

Now it will take an act of Congress to release the files and the public support for such an act is increasing.

Former chief counsel of the HSCA G.Robert Blakey said, "I'll rest on the judgment of historians in 2029." But we won't. We want the truth in our lifetime not in 2029.

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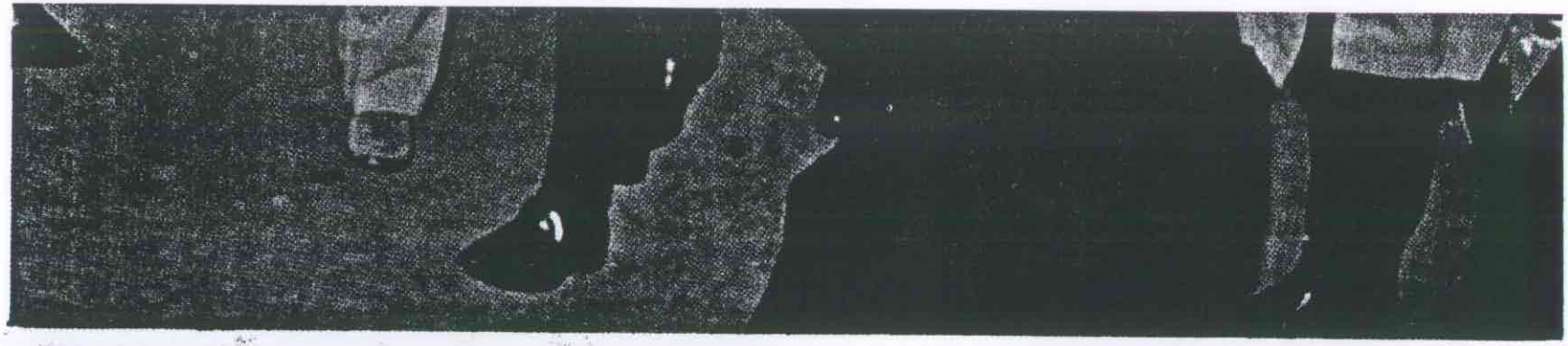
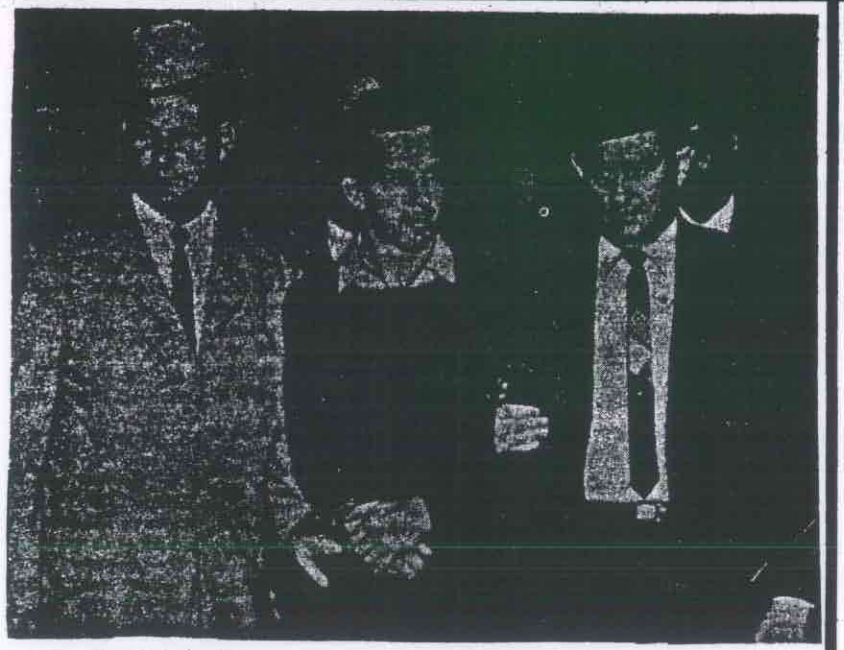
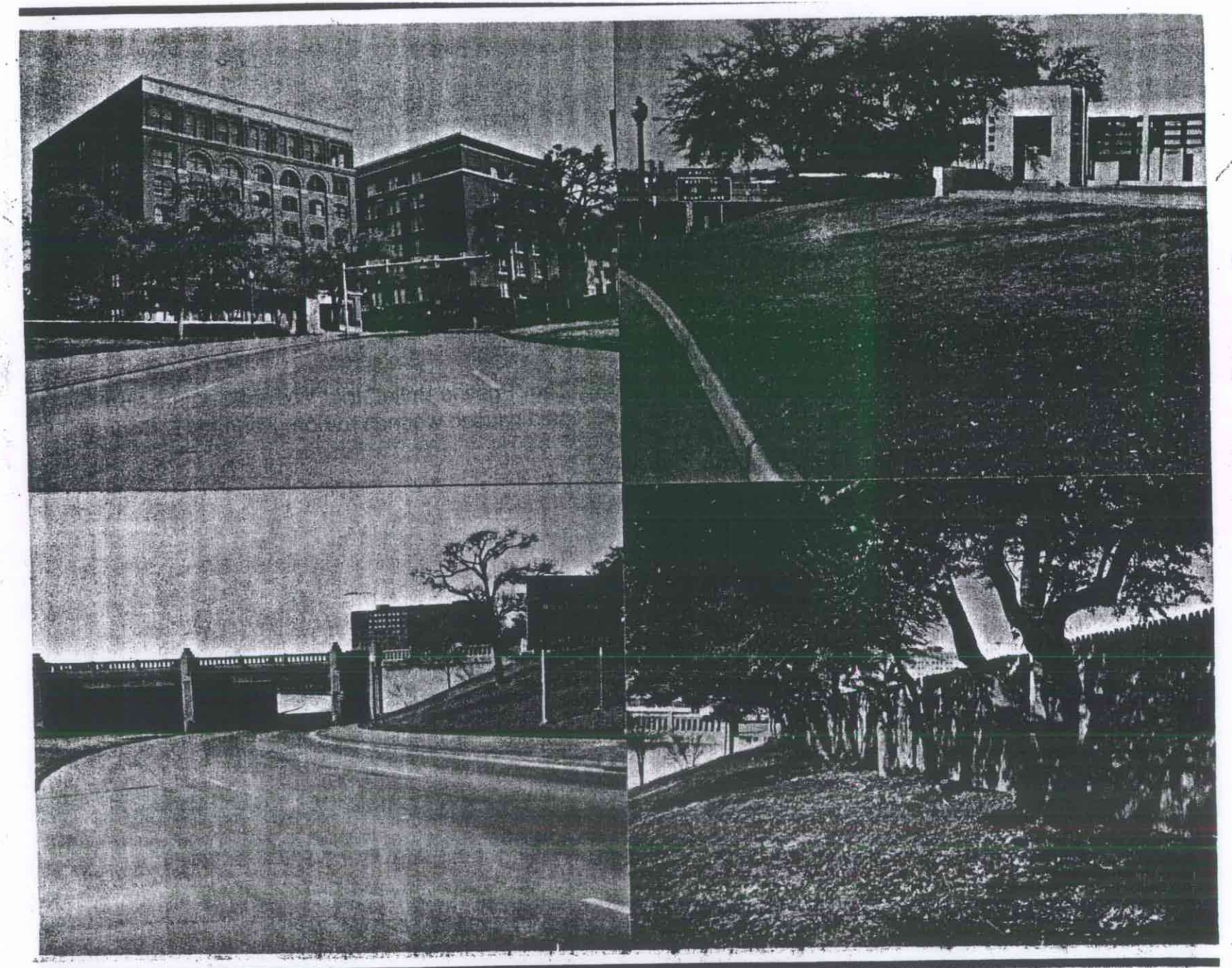




Lee Oswald notices Jack Ruby in crowd"

"There is always a tendency in government to confuse secrecy with security. Disclosure may be uncomfortable, but it is not the purpose of democracy to ensure the comfort of its leaders."
- Robert F. Kennedy.

Jack Lawrence 1963



photos by researcher Harry Yardum

The Strange Case of Jack Lawrence

Who was Jack Lawrence? To this day, very few know the answer to that question. And those that do aren't talking. But he may have played a key role in the assassination of John Kennedy.

Jack Alan Carroll Lawrence was born in Tennessee and came from a large family. He joined the Air Force in 1955 and served as an expert marksman. After his discharge, he roamed the country finding work anywhere he could get it.

Lawrence's actions before, during, and after the assassination lead one to believe that he played a major role. Lawrence checked into the Dallas YMCA on October 6, 1963, three days after Lee Harvey Oswald checked into the same location. He soon thereafter, applied for a job at Downtown Lincoln-Mercury in Dallas. After presenting excellent references, he was hired as a salesman. He was employed there when Oswald supposedly took salesman Guy Bogard on a wild test drive of a new Mercury Comet. As we now know, Oswald did not have a driver's license at that time, and there is considerable doubt that Oswald knew how to operate a motor vehicle. Bogard also stated that the Oswald who test drove the vehicle was only five feet tall. The real Oswald was 5'9" tall. Bogard died in 1966, from an apparent "suicide."

Lawrence, on the night before the assassination, asked to borrow a "demo" off the lot for what he referred to as a "hot date." The next morning, after showing up for a sales meeting, Lawrence left the dealership because, "he was not feeling well." He took the car with him. He disappeared until approximately 30 minutes after the shots rang out in Dealy Plaza. He then showed up back at the dealership, without the car he borrowed. According to other employees at the dealership, Lawrence ran into the showroom out of breath and sick. His clothes were muddy, and he was sweating profusely. He the went to the bathroom and threw. Lawrence claimed he was nervous and out of breath because he had been "out on the town" the previous night and because he had heard of the president being shot. He claimed that traffic was too heavy, and therefore, he had parked the borrowed car "somewhere along the motorcade route.

When employees of Downtown Lincoln-Mercury found the car, it was not along the motorcade route, as Lawrence had claimed. It was found in the parking lot directly behind the picket fence, directly behind the grassy knoll. This, coupled with Lawrence's behavior in the showroom at the dealership, led employees at the dealership to become suspicious of Mr. Jack Lawrence.

After being notified by these employees, the Dallas Police Department showed up at Downtown Lincoln-Mercury and took Jack Lawrence into custody for questioning. He was released shortly thereafter. The next day, Lawrence quit his job at the dealership, and disappeared.

Several revelations have been discovered by researchers over the past few years on Jack Lawrence. The references that Lawrence gave on his employment application to the car dealership proved to be totally false. He obtained employment at the dealership one month before the assassination, and he disappeared the day after. Beverly Oliver, the famed "Babushka Lady" claimed to have seen Lawrence in Jack Ruby's Carousel Club before the assassination, possibly at the same time she saw Oswald there. On the Monday following the assassination, agents showed up at Downtown Lincoln-Mercury and confiscated all the company records on Lawrence.

Lawrence may have been caught on film in Dealy Plaza that day. In the Moorman photograph, three men can be seen standing on the steps leading to the stockade fence behind the grassy knoll. One of these men, Emmett Hudson, tells an interesting story about what happened there during the assassination. According to Hudson, the first shot rang out and he was unaware of what it was. Then, one of the men yelled, "Lay down mister, they're shooting at the president." While Hudson and the second man hit the dirt, the fatal head shot struck the President. Seconds after, the man who yelled "lay down" quickly ran up the steps to the grassy knoll and disappeared forever. The description Hudson gave of this individual almost identically matched that of Jack Lawrence.

There are many unanswered questions surrounding Jack Lawrence. Why did he lie about his references? Why did he leave Dallas immediately after the assassination? Is there any connection between Lawrence and Oswald, and the fact they were both living at the YMCA? Where exactly was Lawrence during the assassination, and what part, if any did he play? These questions remain unanswered, and the mystery continues. The whereabouts of Jack Lawrence, to this day, are unknown.

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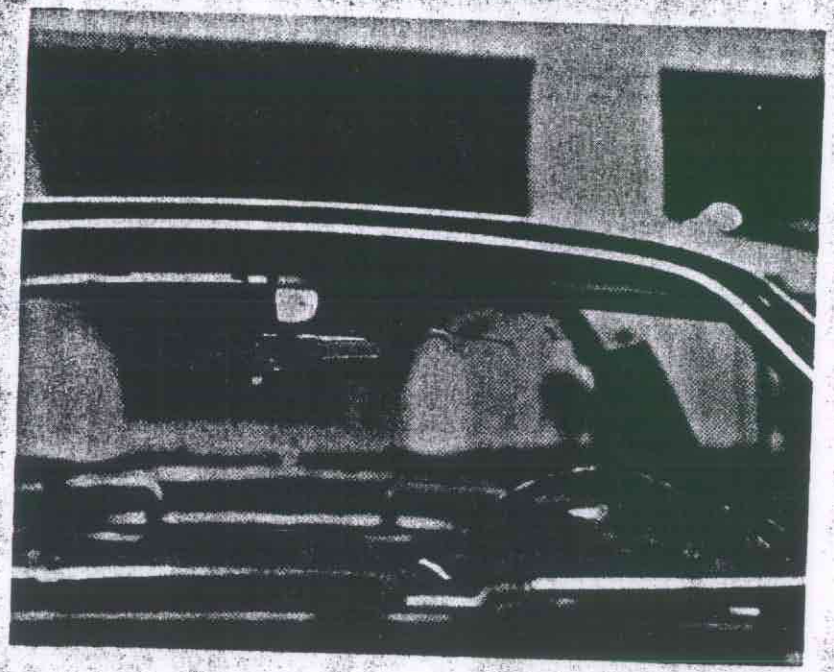
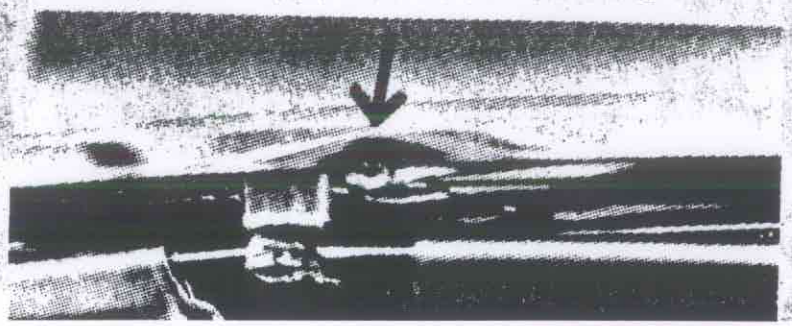
Shows where bullet fragment cracked limousine's windshield





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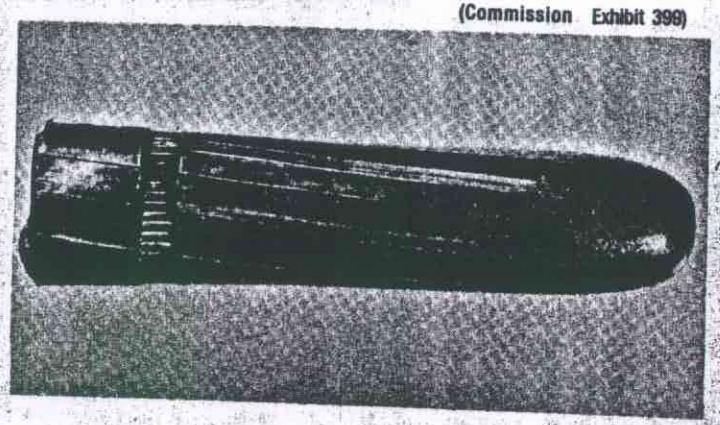
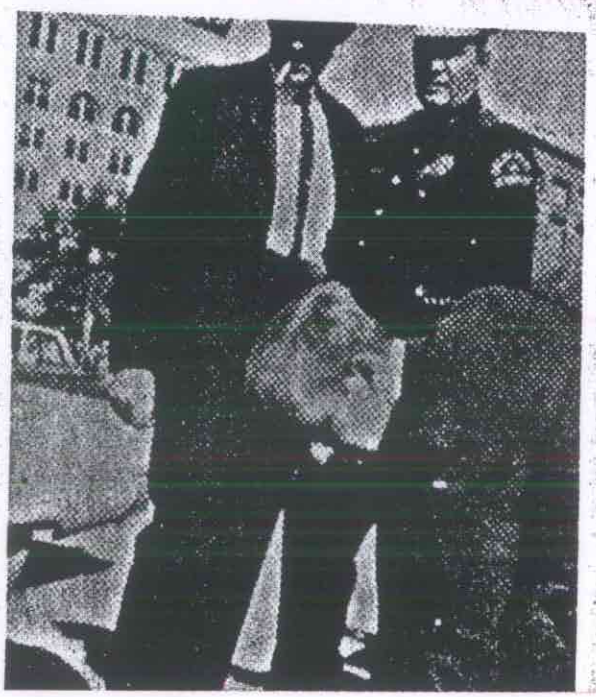
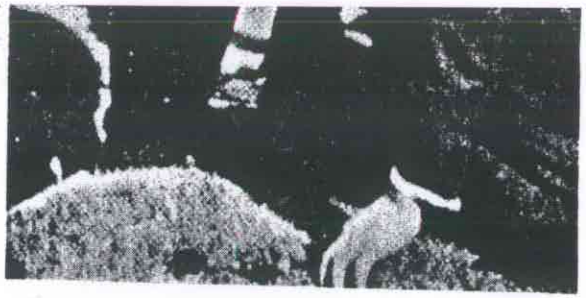


The "Pristine Bullet" that Warren Commission said caused wounds to both Kennedy & Connally.



Direct bullet strike in chrome, above windshield of President's limousine



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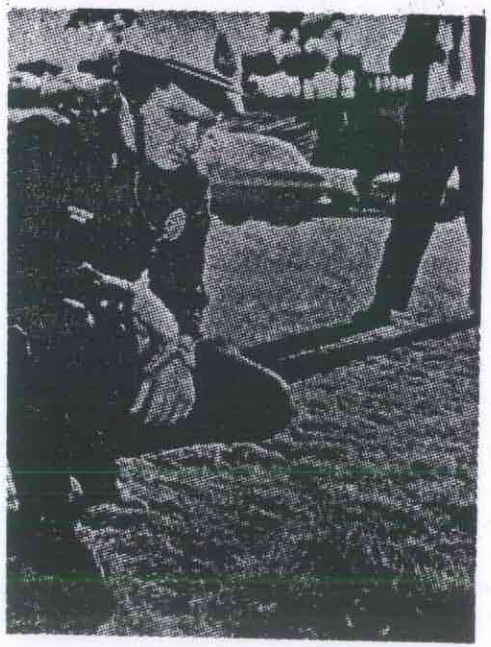
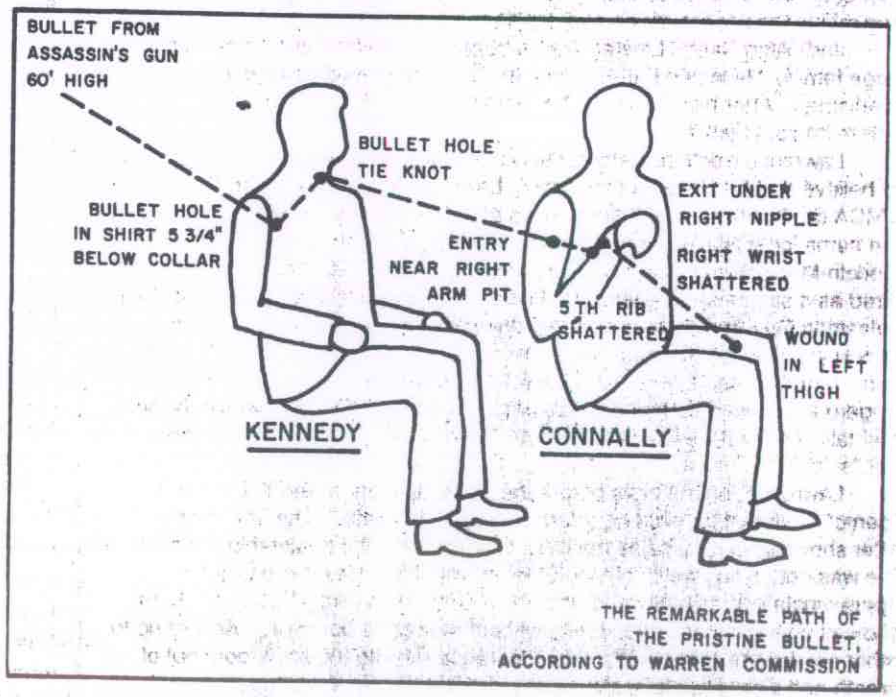


A policeman checks a spot where one of the bullets struck.



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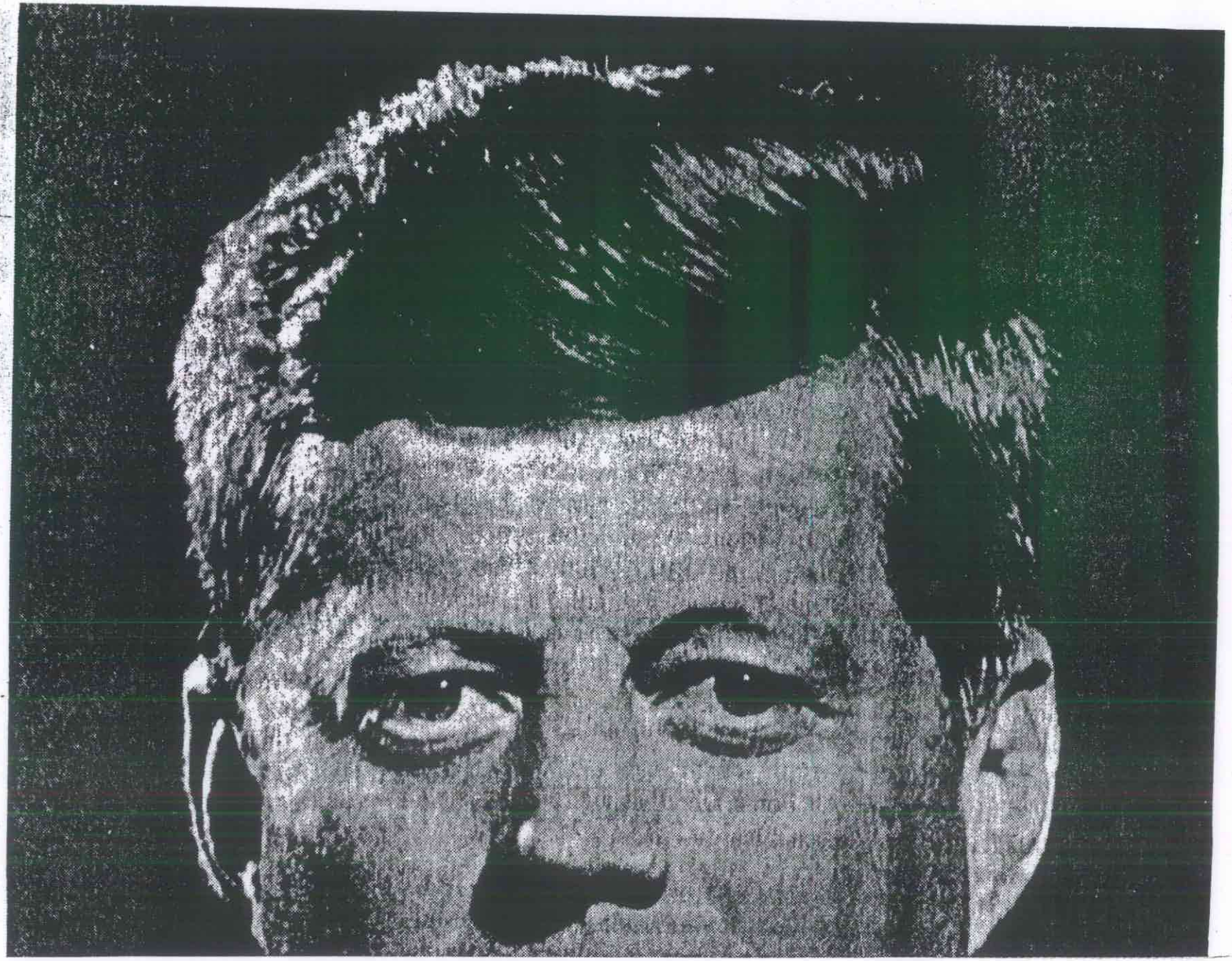

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